

SUMMARY

BIRTHS

There were 7,231 Wyoming resident births in 2005, following a steady increase of births during the last five years. During the same time, the birth rate increased from 12.4 births per 1,000 population in 2001 to 14.2 in 2005.

UNMARRIED MOTHERS

Births to unmarried mothers as a percentage of total births increased from 28.8 percent in 2000 to 32.8 percent in 2005.

LOW BIRTHWEIGHT

Infants weighing less than 2500 grams made up 8.6% of the state's births, up from 8.3% in 2000.

DEATHS

The number of resident deaths increased from 3,914 in 2004 to 4,070 in 2005. The death rate increased from 7.8 to 8.0.

LEADING CAUSES

Heart disease lead all causes of death in 2005 followed by malignant neoplasm. The third leading cause in 2005, unintentional injuries, replaced chronic lower respiratory disease. Chronic lower respiratory disease became the fourth leading cause of death. Cerebrovascular disease became the fifth leading cause of death in 2005.

INFANT DEATHS

All rates decreased. The infant mortality rate decreased from 8.8 infant deaths per 1,000 live births to 6.5. The post neonatal mortality rate hit another record low of 2.1. Neonatal fell from 5.9 to 4.4 per 1,000 live births in 2005.

MARRIAGES

Marriages performed increased from 4,740 in 2004 to 4,812 marriages in 2005. The marriage rate of 9.5 per 1,000 population was greater than the U. S. rate of 7.5.

DIVORCES

The number of divorces and annulments granted in the state was 2,674. The divorce rate was 5.3 divorces per 1,000 population.